

**OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT  
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2001  
WOOD COUNTY**

**CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT  
BOWLING GREEN CITY**

**A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage.**

A proposed amendment of Article II, Section 2.01 of the Charter of the City of Bowling Green, to-wit:

**SECTION 2.01 NUMBERS, SELECTIONS AND TERMS; ELECTIONS  
FOR ALL OFFICES**

The Council shall consist of seven members all of whom shall be elected At-Large. The terms of the members of Council shall begin on the first day of January next following their election, with term "A" beginning at 12:01 a.m., and term "B" beginning at 12:02 a.m., and term "C" beginning at 12:03 a.m., and term "D" beginning at 12:04 a.m., and term "E" beginning at 12:05 a.m., and term "F" beginning at 12:06 a.m., and term "G" beginning at 12:07 a.m., and they shall serve for a term of four years or until their successors are chosen and qualified, except that the members elected from "Ward 1" and "Ward 2" in the 2001 General Election shall serve as At-Large members for terms "A" and "B" respectively for a term of two years, and the members elected in "Ward 3" and "Ward 4" in the 2001 General Election shall serve as At-Large members for terms "C" and "D" respectively for terms of four years, and thereafter all terms of members of Council shall be four years in length. The "At-Large" members chosen in the 2001 General Election shall be for terms "E" and "F" and shall be four years in length, and the remaining "At-Large" member elected in the 1999 General Election shall serve for term "G" which shall expire initially at the conclusion of the year 2003.

In addition to the general duties of an At-Large council member, a member elected for term "A" shall be an advocate for special issues that particularly concern the geographic area of the City located East of North Main Street and North of East Wooster St., and a member elected for term "B" shall be an advocate for special issues that particularly concern the geographic area of the City located East of South Main Street and South of East Wooster St., and a member elected for term "C" shall be an advocate for special issues that particularly concern the geographic area of the City located West of South Main Street and South of West Wooster St., and a member elected for term "D" shall be an advocate for special issues that particularly concern the geographic area of the City located West of North Main Street and North of West Wooster St..

All elections provided for by this charter, whether for the choice of officials or the submission of questions to the voters, shall be conducted by the election authorities prescribed by the laws of the State of Ohio, which laws shall apply to all such elections except as provision is otherwise made by this charter. A regular municipal election for the choice of all elected offices of the municipality shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November in odd numbered years. Nominations for all elected offices of the municipality, including mayor, shall be made only by petition filed with the election authorities at least 30 days prior to the date of holding the primary election as set forth herein, said petition to be filed and signed by electors of the municipality not less in number than 50 persons. The nomination of each candidate shall be made by a separate petition. The name of the political party, if any, of which the candidate is a member shall be shown upon the petition and upon the ballot at the general election, and the primary election if a primary election is necessary.

If a person nominated as a candidate set forth herein dies or withdraws at any time prior to a primary or general election, the vacancy so created may be filled by the political party committee designated in such nominating petition. To fill such vacancy, the members of said political party committee, by majority vote, shall file with the election authorities a certificate signed and sworn to under oath by each of them, designating the person they select to fill such vacancy, in accordance with the general law of Ohio for replacing candidates for office.

In the event more than one valid nominating petition is filed in accordance herein by members of the same political party for candidate for the same elected office, a partisan primary election shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September of each year in which a regular municipal election is held immediately preceding such regular municipal election. At such primary election, the names of all candidates of the same party for such office who have filed valid nominating petitions in accordance herewith shall be placed upon the ballot. If such a primary election is required, the candidate for the office to be voted for at the regular municipal election shall be the one receiving the largest number of votes at such primary election.

The candidates who shall receive the largest number of votes for the respective offices contested at such regular municipal election shall be declared elected.

Shall the amendment be adopted?

**YES**

**NO**